

An ordained minister with the Memphis-based Church of God in Christ, Elder Stanton has earned a special place in the heart of his community for his service to others. Having served our country faithfully in both World War II and the Korean War, Elder Stanton carried this superior level of dedication into his 25 year tenure with the U.S. Postal Service and into his role as Assistant Pastor of Temple Church of God in Christ. His commitment is further observed in his longstanding devotion to his wife of over 50 years, Helen, as well as his entire family.

Elder Stanton's faith in action has been a guiding force for people across the Memphis community. In addition to his volunteer efforts as a District Chief Probation Officer with Memphis's Juvenile Court system, Elder Stanton has earned a special place in the hearts of many for his work to help the homeless and destitute citizens of his community. For a number of years, he owned and operated a boarding house that took in homeless individuals and others who lacked housing options. In an act of Christian love, Elder Stanton helped to manage the finances of many of these individuals and provided all of the residents with an array of amenities and free-of-charge services in an effort to help these individuals reach a better quality of life. For these services, the Memphis City Council has appropriately named the street on which this facility was located in honor of this noble man.

However, even with the street renaming, one of the most fitting and profound credits to the legacy of service he continues to bequeath is that Elder Stanton's family has followed in his sizeable footsteps by positively impacting the civic, political, non-profit, educational, business, and religious communities in Memphis.

For his over 40 years of service to his denomination and his example of leadership for his family and city, I would ask my colleagues in the U. S. House of Representatives to join with me in honoring Elder Edward Stanton, Sr.

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND FRANCIS ROURKE

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay special tribute to Raymond Francis Rourke who passed away on Monday, May 24 at the age of 86. Ray was a loving father and husband, an outstanding public servant, and friend and mentor to many including myself.

I ask unanimous consent to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the Lowell Sun's Editorial from May 26:

RAY ROURKE. 1917-2004

If Lowell could build a pantheon to its all-time great civic leaders, a statue of Ray Rourke would stand on a pedestal alongside those of Paul Tsongas, Telemachus "Mike" DeMoulas and others.

Rourke, who died Monday at the age of 84, was a Mill City icon and a throwback to an era of Irish gentlemen who succeeded in combining a valued family life with an equally strong commitment to public service.

In his essence, Rourke was a good listener and a specially good adviser. He never told people how to think; instead he kindly coun-

seled them as to the importance of what they should be thinking about. It was a philosophy that won him hundreds, if not thousands, of lifelong friends.

Of all his many accomplishments, Rourke considered his greatest legacy to Lowell and the state of Massachusetts to be his seven children. "I added to the economy seven times," he would proudly say at Mr. Al's Barbershop on Middlesex Street.

Rourke will go down in political annals for his long and distinguished public service as a city councilor, mayor, state representative and state Deputy Secretary of Transportation in both the Dukakis and King administrations. Yet if we could write a fitting epithet for his statue, in our pantheon of Lowell greats, it would read:

"Ray Rourke [1917-2004], one of those humble yet great working-class men from Lowell's 'Flats' neighborhood who decided to do something good for the community and succeeded."

Ray is survived by his wife, Rita; his two daughters, Maureen A. Cohen and Nancy L. Vieira; his three sons, Raymond R., Richard P., and John P.; and his sixteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BRENT CURTICE

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brent Curtice of Paonia, Colorado, on being recognized by the Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals as the Colorado High School Principal of the Year. The award acknowledges leaders who have provided high quality learning opportunities for students. In honor of Brent's award, the Town of Paonia also declared April 7 as "Brent Curtice Appreciation Day." This award is a well-deserved testament to his achievements in education.

Brent began his career in education twenty-two years ago as a teacher and athletic director at Hotchkiss High School. Thirteen years later he accepted a position at Paonia High School. His leadership and dedication have helped to take the school to the upper echelons of academic excellence, including achieving a top five ranking among 2A schools in Colorado for the ACT college entrance exam. Brent, however, is quick to note that it is the work of the students and teachers that really make the school a success.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the service and achievements of Brent Curtice before this body of Congress and this nation. His efforts to continually challenge his students through a demanding curriculum is truly remarkable, and the recognition he received from the Colorado Association of Secondary School Principals as their 2004 Colorado High School Principal of the Year is a well-deserved testament to his tireless efforts. I sincerely thank Brent for his service.

HONORING MR. KENT GIBBS

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kent Gibbs of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Gibbs became President/Scout Executive of the Orange County Council Boy Scouts of America in 1982. Immediately after he assumed his new post, his organization was faced with severe funding cutbacks and a forced thirty percent staff reduction. Despite all of these hardships, Mr. Gibbs was still able to provide services for young men and women across Orange County.

Mr. Gibbs was also heavily involved in the undertaking of a \$21 million Major Gifts Initiative to provide funding to support outreach efforts into the inner city communities and needed capital improvements.

The Orange County Council has been recognized as a Quality Organization by the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America, and Mr. Gibbs was a recipient of the James E. West Fellowship and Heritage Society Award.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Mr. Gibbs on the occasion of his retirement and thank him for his service to the communities of Orange County.

2004 ENERGY STAR FOR HOMES— OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 2, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the following homebuilders from in or around my congressional district for their recent recognition as Oncor 2004 ENERGY STAR for Homes—Outstanding Achievement Award: Ashton Woods Homes; Beazer Homes of Dallas; Buescher Homes; Coleman Homes; D.R. Horton; David Weekly Homes; Highland Homes, LTD; History Maker Homes; KB Homes; Landstar Homes; Legacy Homes; Lennar Homes; Mercedes Homes; MHI; Morrison Homes; Oak Creek Homes; Optima Homes; Paul Taylor Homes, and Ryland Homes.

Forty-six builders participated in the 2003 Oncor ENERGY STAR Homes program. Each of the Award recipients registered with the EPA and constructed at least 50 ENERGY STAR homes in 2003. Collectively, winners built 11,505 ENERGY STAR qualified homes.

The ENERGY STAR program is a government industry partnership for promoting energy efficient products. ENERGY STAR eligible homes use considerably less energy than standard homes. Because of lower energy usage, ENERGY STAR homes save homeowners money because they cost less to heat and cool. In addition, they help to reduce air pollution—a particular concern in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Nationwide almost 20 percent of air pollution results from energy used in homes. Just one ENERGY STAR home can